**National platform meeting: Framework for Acton**

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| **[Theme]** | Linking Research, Policy and Practice |
| Vision | To create a sustainable community of practice whereby practitioners, policy makers and professionals communicate, share and influence action for sustainable use of land, water and ecosystems. |
| Topics | Includes education, focus on capacity building and communication. Should be demand driven based on integrated partnership. Common agreed concepts, some element of demonstration- building evidence base.  Discovering policy and implementation gaps |
| Outputs & outcomes | OUTPUTS   * Policy briefs eg. Policy gaps * Promote showcase projects/sites * Documentation of best practice into user manual   OUTCOMES   * Creation of novel partnerships\* * More integrated policy, research and practice\* * Livelihood impact * Institutional efficiency * Creating center of excellence for water   \*2nd group made remark that these issues are ouputs |
| Activities & approach | * Creation of appropriate discussion forum(s) * Assist universities to identify strengths and weaknesses in their curricula relating to land and water * Identify champions in the different sector to develop network and partnerships * Policy review and assessment * Curriculum review |
| Linkages / Support | * NBDC local implementation sites * RiPPLE , CRS * Ground level NGO’s and forums * Universities and research Institutes * Other networks eg. IMAWESA * SLM, ATA, REDD and FC co-ordination * Policy makers and donors, DAG |
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